

Assembly Bill No. 1786

CHAPTER 57

An act to amend Section 31754 of the Food and Agricultural Code, relating to animal shelters.

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LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1786, Maddox. Animal shelters: holding of impounded animals.

Existing law provides, with respect to animal shelters and pounds, impounding time periods, and care, redemption, and adoption requirements applicable to specified animals, including the requirement that, until July 1, 2001, any animal relinquished by the purported owner be held for 2 full business days, not including the day of impoundment. Existing law also provides that, commencing on that date, this provision shall again become operative, except that the relinquished animal will be held for only one day, not including the day of impoundment.

This bill instead would provide that kittens or puppies relinquished by the purported owner, or brought in by any other person, to pounds or shelters may immediately be available for adoption.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 31754 of the Food and Agricultural Code, as added by Section 16 of Chapter 752 of the Statutes of 1998, is amended to read:

31754. (a) Except as provided in Section 17006, any animal relinquished by the purported owner that is of a species impounded by pounds or shelters shall be held for two full business days, not including the day of impoundment. The animal shall be available for owner redemption for the first day, not including the day of impoundment, and shall be available for owner redemption or adoption for the second day. After the second required day, the animal may be held longer, killed, or relinquished to a nonprofit, as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, animal adoption organization under the same conditions and circumstances provided for stray dogs and cats in Sections 31108 and 31752.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), kittens or puppies relinquished by the purported owner, or brought in by any other person with authority to relinquish them, to pounds or shelters may immediately be available for adoption.

(c) This section shall become operative on July 1, 1999. This section shall become inoperative on July 1, 2001, and, as of January 1, 2002, is repealed, unless a later enacted statute that is enacted before January 1, 2002, deletes or extends the dates on which it becomes inoperative and is repealed.

SEC. 2. Section 31754 of the Food and Agricultural Code, as added by Section 16.5 of Chapter 752 of the Statutes of 1998, is amended to read:

31754. (a) Except as provided in Section 17006, any animal relinquished by the purported owner that is of a species impounded by pounds or shelters shall be held for the same holding periods, with the same requirements of care, applicable to stray dogs and cats in Sections 31108 and 31755, except that the period for owner redemption shall be one day, not including the day of impoundment, and the period for owner redemption or adoption shall be the remainder of the holding period.

(b) Notwithstanding subdivision (a), kittens or puppies relinquished by the purported owner, or brought in by any other person with authority to relinquish them, to pounds or shelters may immediately be available for adoption.

(c) This section shall become operative on July 1, 2001.

